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BRIEFS NATO AND PARTNER NATIONS

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1.(C/REL ISAF) BEGIN SUMMARY: On September 18 the Executive Director of the UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Antonio Maria Costa, briefed  
2.(C/REL ISAF) In a September 18 briefing at NATO Headquarters, UNODC's Executive Director Costa said development was the driving factor to red  
Poverty Not the Issue  
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13. (C/REL ISAF) The Netherlands asked if poverty was the driving factor for farmers to cultivate opium. Costa said that even though Afghanists  
Law Enforcement and Military Strikes Having An Impact  
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14. (C/REL ISAF) Costa said that the most powerful motivating factors driving farmers away from opium cultivation were effective law enforcemer  
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new report finding and said law enforcement retaliation was more of a driving factor not to grow opium than eradication. High cultivation trend  
Opium Stocks Remain High  
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15. (C/REL ISAF) Costa said that Afghanistan has 12,400 tons of opium stocks because it produces more than the world consumes. Costa believes t  
Buy Wheat In Afghanistan, not Pakistan  
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6.(C/REL ISAF) Costa encouraged the World Food Program (WFP) to buy wheat in Afghanistan instead of Pakistan. He said the WFP had a policy to b  
Infrastructure Important; "Food Zones" Ground Breaking  
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17. (C/REL ISAF) Costa said Afghanistan also needs better economic and agricultural infrastructure. In Costa's view, counternarcotics was not c  
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eradication, show-cased the initiative as successful. He encouraged spreading the initiative in other provinces and said it would help other pr  
Development Key, Not Eradication  
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8.(C/REL ISAF) Costa did highlight Afghan National Security Force and International Assistance Force operations as having a destabilizing effec  
Costa Positive On Triangle Initiative  
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19. (C/REL ISAF) In response to the UK's question on how the Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan's triangular initiative complimented counternarcot  
Drug-Taliban Links  
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10.(C/REL ISAF) Costa responded to Sweden's question on which parts of the insurgency are gaining the most from narcotics profits by pointing t  
Tajikistan Can Do More  
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11. (C/REL ISAF) He also cited far too little evidence of opium seizures in Tajikistan coming from Afghanistan. Costa attributed the ineffecti  
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salaries, a lack of motivation, and adequate equipment.  
What More Can Be Done  
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12. (C/REL ISAF) When the Netherlands, Russia, and Italy asked what more ISAF could do to stem opium cultivation, Costa responded that in addi

13. (C/REL ISAF) Costa encouraged all nations to contribute names of all known narco-traffickers to the 1735 U.N. Security Council list. To de  
Participation  
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14. (C/REL ISAF) A large number of non-NATO countries were invited to the briefing, including: Afghanistan, Russia, NATO's Central Asian part